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Transactions Involving INTRAC, HOBRO, SUBJECT

and COEBA (Compagnia suropea salcanica)

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Ernst Fuerst, a director of INTRAC (27 Singerstr., Vicina, an Austrian firm active in East/West trade), reportedly arrived in Hilan toward the end of 1. October 1949. He stayed at the Hotel Commercio, and on 29 October left for Venice, Tarvisio, and Vienna. Thile in Milan, Fuerst was in contact with Arturo Signorelli, of COMMA.*

- INTRAC's Zurich representative is the firm, MOBRO A. G., 6 Gotthard Strasse, manager, Mr. Hedinger.
- 3. The following transactions involving INTRAC, HOERO, and COEBA are reported:
 - In September 1949 INTRAC sold to HOBRO, which has resold to Metalimport, Eucharest: 1,477,700 German-made needles for machine knitting; value US \$15,226.80. The consignment was paid for by the Rumanians with a letter of credit opened in favor of COEBA at the Chiasso branch of the Union de Banques Suisse, head office 45 Banhoff Strasse, Zurich. The letter of credit number was 71346, date of transaction 29 September 1949. Signorelli personally went to Chiasso to cash the amount and brought the currency into Italy.
 - On 28 October 1949 INTRAC sold to HOBRO, which resold to Metalimport, Bucharest, 137,500 needles, value US \$1,255.52.
 - On his last trip to Chiasso, Signorelli returned with 20,000 thermometers, snuggled in with the help of SAIMA (Soc. An. Innocente Mangili Adriatica), COEBA shippers. The thermometers are now located at COEBA offices and are being sold to chemists for 700 lire each. They are are of the following German makes: 10,000 Kramer, and 10,000 Uebe.
 - INTRAC has deposited, in HODRO's name, at Basel and/or Zurich customs points the following merchandise, all originating from Lastern Germany:
 - (1) 200,000 thermometers for hospitals (sic);
 - (2) 3,500,000 needles for machine !mitting; and

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(3) 4,000,000 empty vials, Jena glass, capacity 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 cc.

While in Milan, Fuerst wrote to HOBRO that Signorelli is fully authorized to dispose of the above listed merchandise; further, he can be told of any confidential matter, being INTRAC's trusted collaborator in Italy,

Other recent transactions of INTRAC in Milan:

- With COGEMET (sic), 2 Via Omenoni, managers: Dr. (fnu) Trevisan and Attilio Sacco:
 - 5,000 live pigs from Italy against 18,000 cm. of fir planks from Austria;
 - 100,000 dz. cotton handkerchiefs against 5,600 cm. of b fir planks; and
 - 16,000 meters of heavy woolen cloth, Kamgarn type, C o against wood, quality and type unspecified.
- From Montecatini, COEBA to handle the transaction and SARBA the shipments, INTRAC bought:
 - 5,000 tons Ammonium Sulphate 20/25 n. (sic)--18 pounds sterling a.
 - b 10,000 tons Ammonium Sulphate 20' n.-242.50 Swiss francs per ton;
 - 20,000 tons Ammonium Sulphate 20, n.--245 Swiss francs per ton; C.
 - 20,000 tons Ammonium Sulphate 20 n.-- 240 Swiss france per ton.

All quotations are FOB Trieste. **

- INTRAC sold to SAICCO (sic), 1 S. Maria Beltrade, Milan, cotton merchants; manager, R. Fishel: Aluminum and Aluminum alloys, origin Bratislava:
 - 14,720 kgs. Silumin n. 2

-specifications: All. 91.25 %

FE.O .75 %

Sil. 8.00 %

-price: US \$290-FOB Trieste

per ton

- 17,325 kgs. Duralumin
 - -94% All.
 - -price: US \$290 per ton-FOB Triesta
- 71,530 Aluminum 60

-92% purity

-price: US \$270 per ton-FOB Trieste

15,300 Aluminum

-99.8% purity -price: US \$310 per ton-FOB Trieste



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- 7. Through COEBA, INTRAC offers:
 - a. From Austria-1,000 cu.m. of oak; 1,000 cu.m. of plywoodagainst 500 tons of Egyptian or American cotton, Strictiliddling, 1-1/32 inch (sic).
 - b. Transit Berlin-typewriters, Standard Olympia make; keyboards: Jewish, Arabic, and normal;

-Iron - plates;

-Iron (molybdenum) tools;

.Thermometers and empty vials.

All against cotton, American or Egyptian, also Strict-Middling, 1-1/32 inch.

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Comment: For further information on COEBA, see

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Comment: Both quantities and prices given above appear to be excessive. The market price for large consignments is about 20,000 lire per ton, at the factory. The prices above indicated are 32-35,000 lire per ton, too much even adding costs for transportation and FOE.

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